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Police officer killed on duty

By **JOHN MICHALAK** 21st Century Newspapers

Imagine rumbling down Woodward Avenue on a coveted, custom-made \$50,000 motorcycle crafted by Orange County Choppers' Paul Teutul Sr. and Jr., seen on the Discovery Channel's "American Chopper."

The dream is only a \$100 raffle ticket away.

The ticket, expected to become one of the hottest items around, will benefit a foundation for slain Hazel Park police officer Jessica Nagle-Wilson. Tickets are now on sale, and only 1,250 will be available. The drawing will be at 9 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Ferndale Fraternal Order of Police.

Jessica's parents, Bill and Debbie Nagle, got the idea for the raffle.

"Bill watches the American Chopper show," said Debbie Nagle. "We started watching it, and we felt we should get one of those customized choppers and raffle it off."

Five days before Christmas, the couple drove to Orange County, MY, to talk with the world-famous motorcycle builders. The Nagles then reported to the board in charge of their daughter's foundation, and members approved the raffle.

"We laid groundwork," Debbie Nagle said. "We found what the cost would be so we could bring it back to the foundation's board to make a decision where we wanted to go."

"We also brought documentation (to Orange County Choppers) of Jessica's death and the start of the foundation," she said.

If all the tickets are sold, the foundation will raise \$125,000, which will go toward a memorial criminal justice scholarship in Nagle-Wilson's name at Ferris State University, where she graduated, and to fund an animal hospital and rescue shelter.

"All of this is to carry on the things Jessica loved, which are law enforcement and animals," her mother said. "This is to carry on her memory."

"It still doesn't seem like it really happened. We can't believe it's almost two years since she died. I don't think we'll ever adjust. I don't think we can go back to normal. But we are trying."

Nagle said her daughter's husband, Matthew Wilson, left the Detroit Police Department and started working for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

So far, about 15 tickets have been sold. Many more are expected to be sold next month in Washington, D.C., during Police Memorial Week, when Nagle-Wilson and other officers killed in the line of duty will be honored.

People wanting to buy tickets can contact Nagle by e-mail at nagleathome@yahoo.com or at the House of Shamrocks, 23420 John R, Hazel Park, (248) 5438388.

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Weekend, May 8&9, 2004

FSU Recreation to offer classes

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University Recreation will offer the following classes:

- Red Cross Lifeguarding class, May 17 to 21 and June 7 to 11 • Red Cross Water Safety Instructor class, June 14 to 18
- Red Cross CPR class, May 24 and June 11
- Red Cross AED class, June 4 and July 26
- Red Cross First Aid class, May 21 and Aug. 9

For more information, please contact University Recreation at (231).

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Weekend, May 8&9, 2004

Granger Center, one more star in the Ferris flag

It's a big weekend for Ferris State University ... dedication of the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR as well as multiple graduation ceremonies sending more than 1,000 students out into the work force. It's all about education.

And, it's education that inspired Alton and Janice Granger to donate funds toward the \$18 million state-of-the-art facility.

Firm believers of education and the role it plays in providing marketable skills for the youth of this country, the Grangers, who have been longtime supporters of Ferris, stepped up that support a couple years ago and decided to leave a legacy not only for their children and grandchildren, but for the generations of students to come.

Friday, the dedication of the new facility that already serves to educate students in the Construction and HVACR program took place.

Ferris administrators, state and local politicians were joined by a large number of students, seniors and a huge representation of local businesses. Folks from all walks of - life who value education were on hand to dedicate yet one more excellent addition to the Ferris campus.

The Grangers deserve thanks for their investment in the future for Ferris and all those who will study there. But, they are not alone in that investment. The foresight of Ferris administration and faculty members as well as the support of the area community continue to put Ferris on the map. No longer can a small institution with limited offerings and resources, Ferris now stack up against programs in higher education throughout the world.

The Granger family commitment to this university is evidenced by their son Gary, who currently serves on the Ferris Board of Trustees and their grandchildren who are students and graduates of FSU.

They deserve special thanks for their contributions.

The Grand Rapids Press
Sunday, May 09, 2004

Kendall College faculty approve contract

After working for nearly two years without a contract, faculty at Kendall College of Art and Design have a five-year agreement with Ferris State University.

The Ferris State Board of Trustees on Friday signed off on the deal, which will run through August 2007.

The package affects 36 full-time and 50 part-time Kendall faculty members.

Kendall faculty pushed for a pay increase that would bring them in line with colleagues at Ferris State, which governs Kendall. Kendall faculty is paid about \$15,000 less per year, making an average \$51,000.

Kendall Faculty Association President Jon McDonald said the new deal starts a process that will eventually raise salaries in line with those on the Ferris campus.

More important to members, he said, was preserving health insurance.

"It's a real big deal for our members," he said. "Some of us are getting up there in years."

The Kendall contract expired in August 2002, but negotiations were slowed in part by the union's failed attempts that year to bargain alongside the Ferris Faculty Association.

Ferris administrators refused to negotiate with the unions together, arguing it was illegal. Faculty representatives argued the Ferris board could recognize them as one unit without an endorsement from the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. The board declined.

In August 2002, the commission ruled that faculty associations at the schools could not merge. The Kendall association's appeal of that decision is pending.

Despite the 20-month gap between the expiration of the last contract and the new contract, Kendall College President Oliver Evans said he thought negotiators for both sides maintained a positive relationship throughout the period.

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Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Former Ferris board member dies at age 67

CADILLAC - Local funeral services will be Sunday for a former member of Ferris State's Board of Control and a longtime local business owner.

Robert C. Redman, 67 of Howard City, formerly of Lake City, passed away Friday, May 7, 2004, in Cadillac.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Big Rapids. He was president and owner of the Redman Insurance Agency from 1964 to 1990 and served on Ferris State's Board of Control for nine years.

Redman also was a delegate of the Republican Nation Convention in 1976 and delegate/alternate to the Republican State Convention from 1959 to 1981 and served on the Executive Committee for Michigan's 10th District.

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Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Ferris Board of Trustees approves Kendall contract

BIG RAPIDS - The Ferris State University Board of Trustees today approved a five-year faculty contract between the Kendall Faculty Association and the Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris in Grand Rapids.

The agreement extends until August 2007 and replaces the previous contract which expired in August 2002.

According to Kendall President Oliver Evans, "We are delighted to bring negotiations to a successful conclusion. I am grateful to Sandra Davison Wilson, vice chancellor for administration and finance, for the time and energy she has devoted to this process. I especially want to thank her; Jon McDonald, professor of illustration; and Molly Alicki Corriveau, associate professor of illustration, for all of their efforts and for the very positive relationship that was maintained throughout the negotiations."

Ferris President David Eisler echoed Evans' sentiments. "I am delighted that the Kendall faculty have a new agreement, and I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the process."

Kendall Faculty Association President Jon McDonald said, "The faculty association would like to thank the M.E.A. and its representatives Arch Lewis and Kathie Oakes for the guidance, assistance and support they provided in the drafting of this agreement. The association feels this agreement is a step toward equity with our colleagues at Ferris State University. We are looking forward to working with Dr. Evans and Sandra Davison Wilson."

In other action, the board of trustees approved contracts with Neumann Smith & Associates for master planning services for the Big Rapids and Ferris-Grand Rapids campuses.

"We have to continuously update our master plan on the Big Rapids campus. Planning documents have not been developed for Grand Rapids in the past but will be necessary for future growth of the university in the Grand Rapids community both at Kendall and FSU-Grand Rapids. Also, the need for long range deferred maintenance planning is important in order to keep our facilities state-of-the art," said Rick Duffett, vice president for administration and finance and university advancement and marketing.

The board also approved an agreement that will pave the way for exchanges with the University of Bath in England for faculty and students in Ferris' College of Pharmacy. The proposed exchange agreement will provide British students with summer

programs at Ferris and will provide Ferris pharmacy students with work experiences in British hospitals and pharmacies. The exchange agreement also provides for the possibility of future faculty exchanges.

In other business, the board, which serves as the authorizing body empowered to issue contracts to organize and operate public school academies, approved the conditional reauthorization of the Benton Harbor Charter School; the conditional authorization for the Bridge Academy, a new charter school in Hamtramck; and the reauthorization of the New City Academy in Lansing, the Huron Academy in Sterling Heights, the Hope of Detroit Academy and the Conner Creek Academy-East in Roseville. The board also approved board appointments or reappointments for 14 of Ferris' 16 charter schools.

In a move to increase enrollment in Ferris' Intensive English Program and overall enrollment at the university, the board approved a reduction in the tuition rate for students enrolled full-time in the program to 150 percent of the in-state tuition rate. Since the program's inception in the 1980s, the tuition rate has been at the non-resident rate, which is twice the cost of the in-state tuition rate and above that charged by other institutions.

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Information Builders' WebFOCUS Widely Accepted by North American Universities; WebFOCUS Becomes Enterprise Business Intelligence Standard for Many of its 500 Higher Education Customer Sites

Information Builders, the leader in enterprise business intelligence (BI) and real-time Web reporting, announced that major universities including Columbia University, Davenport University, **Ferris State** University, Henry Ford Community College, Saint Louis University, and Virginia Commonwealth University, have standardized their business intelligence reporting on its flagship WebFOCUS software. These universities and colleges chose Information Builders' WebFOCUS as their reporting standard based on the software's ability to scale to millions of users, work with existing IT infrastructure, and provide customized reporting to both internal and external audiences.

- * With 11,000 students and growing, **Ferris State** University recently chose WebFOCUS as its institutional reporting standard because of its scalability and Ferris' extensive in-house knowledge of Information Builders' reporting language. Ferris plans to use self-service WebFOCUS reports to access all student information, finance, financial aid, and HR information.

Information Builders' award-winning technology has successfully provided quality software and superior services for 29 years to more than 12,000 customers, including most of the Fortune 100 and U.S. federal government agencies. Headquartered in New York City with 90 offices worldwide, the company employs 1,750 people, and has over 350 business partners.

(Abridged)

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Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Café transformed into full restaurant

By Chris Miller Pioneer Staff Writer

BIG RAPIDS - Eastside Cafe owners Jack Prescott and Ann Currie wanted to provide an alternative place for the residents of Big Rapids to eat dinner; therefore, the two recently established Eastside After 5.

Located at 70 Maple Street in Big Rapids, Prescott and Currie, who took over managing the restaurant almost two years ago, spent approximately six months slowly renovating the dining area and kitchen.

Opened on April 1, with new lighting, linens on the tables, wallpaper and art on the walls and a new menu, Eastside After 5 resembles a completely new business.

After closing Eastside Cafe at 2 p.m., Prescott and Currie decided to reopen Eastside After 5 every Friday and Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m.

Eastside After 5 features a full menu, including salads, appetizers and dinners. Prescott said his goal was to offer good food at affordable prices, compared to other local establishments.

Ferris State University Visual Communications student Jill Jeziorski designed the menu.

"Jeziorski is a regular in Java Jacks," Prescott said. Java Jacks, located next door, also is owned by Prescott and Currie. Opened two years ago this September; Java Jacks is a full-service coffee bar, which-also offers customers desserts.

Java Jacks also has Internet access, open-mic night on Tuesdays and guest musicians throughout the year.

Java Jacks is open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. every- day except Sundays, which is 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, contact Eastside Cafe/Eastside After 5 at 796-4657.

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Thursday, May 13, 2004

Sederburg denies he is up for State job

OREM, Utah (AP) - Former Ferris State University President William Sederburg has denied he is a candidate for president of Michigan State University but didn't close the door on the possibility of becoming one, if asked.

Sederburg was mentioned in a Michigan newspaper among the possible successors to Peter McPherson who announced Friday that he will step down Dec. 30 from MSU's top post.

"I'm not a candidate," Sederburg told the Deseret Morning News on Tuesday. "But I'm kind of honored to be thought of."

However, if he were offered a chance to be a candidate, he would consider it because he has strong ties to MSU, he said.

Terry Denbow, Michigan State vice president of university relations, said the newspaper report was speculation. "I don't know how you can be a candidate when there isn't a search," he said.

Sederburg lived in the Lansing area for 30 years before coming to Utah Valley State. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees at MSU, and taught there and at other Michigan colleges while serving as a state senator for 12 years. He served as president of Ferris State before being chosen for the UVSC post in December 2002.

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Design Education for the Real World

Industrial design is all about improving people's lives through innovative problem solving. It makes sense, then, that when Tom Edwards - a sought-after industrial al designer and chairman of the industrial design program at Kendall College of Art and Design - attacked the problem of finding real-world projects for his students, his solution drew industry and education together into an innovative reciprocity.

For more than 10 years, Kendall has collaborated with local, regional, even international companies to develop realistic work experiences for its industrial design students. Each semester, second- and third-year industrial design majors work on projects prepared for them by an outside company in an industry driven by design (everything from plumbing to medicine, contract furniture to apparel). The program is not an internship; students pursue the projects in sequence as part of their class work. The goal is to sharpen students' grasp of the industrial design process, but the result finds them gaining even more.

"(Students) get a realistic project to work on, they have a credible result for their portfolio and it's pretty impressive when they can go to an interview and say, here's a project I worked on for Steelcase. Here's a project I worked on for Whirlpool. Here's a project I worked on for Bissell,' and on and on and on," Edwards said.

There's also a payoff for the companies involved," These projects are an opportunity to have a dozen sets of fresh eyes look at a problem that's very relevant and timely to their business," Edwards explained. "And they have an opportunity to be introduced to some emerging design talent. A lot of times when we start out with a project, the relationship that is introduced turns into an internship opportunity, and once that student graduates, he or she is hired full-time."

That was Adam Carr's experience.

Carr is a current industrial designer at Bissell. As a Kendall student, he conceived a human-powered hand vacuum for the floor-care company in an industrial design process class. Bissell liked Carr's design so much they looked into producing it. According to Doug Medema, manager of industrial design at Bissell's homecare division, basic feasibility issues stopped them from taking Carr's hand vacuum past the research phase, but Carr ended up getting something else out of the experience: a job.

"Now I have all his ideas instead of just the one!" Medema joked.

Even when these collaborations don't result in a new hire or a product that goes into development, there's still a benefit for companies.

"We have to deal with constraints all the time: cost structures, time lines, manufacturing locations," said Medema.

"We can't see past these barriers, but these students can get beyond them. They can dream a little bit farther than we can, and we like to see that because it opens our eyes up at Bissell."

Amerikam's relationship with Kendall has also been eye opening according to Stephanie Leonardos, CEO of the Grand Rapids-based plumbing industry parts supplier.

"I can't overstate the benefits," she said. "It's one thing to come up with a good design, but it's another thing to be able to articulate that design, and these students did that so well. At the student presentations at the end of the semester, I took notes."

Across the board, companies that have collaborated with Kendall's industrial design department tell a similar story.

Ron Mathos, market development leader for DuPont, was impressed with how hard students worked on the project brief his company provided, "not only in terms of design, but also in making them manufacturable."

Martin Stryker, research and development engineering manager for Stryker Corp., submitted two project briefs to Kendall students during the past three years and, in that time, hired the company's first full-time industrial designer.

"Medical products kind of lag behind consumer products in design," Strylcer explained.

"Tom's students came out with a refreshing view of what our products could be."

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Thursday, May 13, 2004

Ferris State University hosts summer academy

BIG RAPIDS - Sasser Virus, beware! From June 20 to 23, Ferris State University will be giving high-school students a chance to hone their information technology skills, including computer security and anti-virus strategies.

The Computer Technology Academy, the only camp of its kind in west Michigan, will cover such topics as networking, applications development, and much more in computer lab settings.

The CTA is designed to focus on the interests of students considering a future Information Technology. Ferris faculty and senior-levels students in the University's Computer Information Systems program will conduct the various learning sessions. Marty Lier, coordinator of the Digital Animation and Game Design program at FSU-Grand Rapids, will be leading some of the sessions. The DAGD program is one of the few of its kind in the country, in which students study everything from programming to game theory-even classes in drama.

"We'll be covering Java script, programming applications, hacker prevention and many other topics," said Jim Woolen, head of Ferris State's Computer Information Systems department.

The Grand Rapids Press

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Missing twin is key to rape case

By Ken Kolker

The DNA test appeared conclusive - a convicted sex offender recently sent to prison was the stranger who raped a Kendall College of Art and Design student five years ago in downtown Grand Rapids.

The odds of it being somebody else were 1 in several quadrillion.

Or, as police learned later, possibly 2 in several quadrillion.

Convicted sex offender Jerome Cooper, 36 - whose DNA matches the DNA left by the rapist in November 1999 - has a twin brother.

His twin, Tyrone Cooper, also is a convicted sex offender.

Police are searching for Tyrone Cooper so they can test his DNA to determine whether they are fraternal or identical twins. They recently obtained a warrant for his arrest, alleging he failed to update his address on the sex-offender registry.

If they are fraternal twins, which means their DNA will be different; police said they will charge Jerome Cooper with first-degree rape, a potential life offense.

If they are identical twins, which means their DNA is identical, police said they will have to rely on old-fashioned detective work - finding other witnesses, establishing alibis - to solve the crime.

The former Kendall student said she heard nothing about the case for years until Wednesday, when Smith told her about the Cooper twins.

"I assumed it had been filed away in a box in the basement of the police department. I didn't know Les (Smith) was so hard at work on it."

The woman graduated from Kendall, got a job in the art field and has married. She said she is at peace.

"It's a strand in the fabric of who you are," she said of the rape. "But you've got to choose if it's going to make you stronger. I'm not living my life as a victim."

(Abridged)

Detroit News

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Cloned trees to fill Rouge watershed

Northern Mich. firm supplies copies of biggest, strongest

By Christopher M. Singer / The Detroit News

DEARBORN - There's a budding plan to reforest the Rouge River watershed with trees cloned from the biggest and best of their species.

"In principle, it's a wonderful thing to do and an imperative thing to do," said Orin Gelderloos, director of the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a biology professor who has taught on the Rouge River for 30 years.

Champion Trees Project, a nonprofit corporation in Copemish - on M-115 just outside the Pere Marquette State Forest - will supply the trees.

David Milarch, who operates Champion Trees, says he was invited to join the Rouge Watershed Restoration by architect William McDonough, who designed the grass roof at the Ford Rouge Center that filters water used by the factory before it flows into the Rouge River.

McDonough, who's based in Charlottesville, Va., preaches the creation of "sustainable environments," in which manufacturing jobs don't just use up resources, but restore or even add to them.

Milarch grew up at Seven Mile and Middle Belt in Livonia and noted it will be a return to the Rouge complex for him.

"I worked the night shift at the coke ovens for three years," he said.

David Milarch finished college at Ferris State university in Big Rapids, and then moved to traverse City. About 30 years ago he bought the shade tree nursery.

"Our sons (Jared and Jake) are helping now," he said. "They're the fourth generation on the same land."

His brother, Roger, owns Milarch Wholesale Inc., a nursery sales and landscaping company in Wixom.

About 10 years ago, things in the shade tree business changed.

"We have no reverence for the Earth," Milarch said. "About 10 years ago, it was evident the tree species we depended on weren't working anymore."

The number of species sold by Champion Trees slipped from 69 to 42. Milarch blames climate change or global warming, which means cooler, wetter springs and falls and shorter, hotter summers; acid rain and depletion of the ozone layer, which exposes trees as well as people to too much harmful ultraviolet light; and invading diseases and pests, like the emerald ash borer, from around the world.

Milarch hit upon cloning trees, champion trees, "using the genetics of the old growth forest," he said.

How do you find the oldest and strongest trees? Look it up on the Internet.

"It's quite an avid hobby for people to find the biggest trees known," Milarch said. He added he's already started cloning champion trees in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Milarch wants to use 10 percent of old growth forest on the Rouge River project.

"We actually have champion trees," said Christian Overland, director of Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford.

Overland said the museum complex will receive 4,000 trees from the U.S. Forest Service. Two thousand will be planted along the Rouge River, and 2,000 will be given away "to build a better future and be better stewards of the land," Overland said.

Residents are delighted at the prospect.

"That's a huge endeavor," said Cathy Bean, an environmental activist from Livonia. "I think it's very important to restore the habitat to the stream bed.

"Trees cool the water and as the water gets hot, the oxygen level drops. Trees and other kinds of cover shelter wildlife and insects the fish eat."
(Abridged)

Grand Rapids Business Journal

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Change-Ups Education

Associate provost and professor of political science at eastern Michigan University, Michael Harris, has been named vice president for academic affairs at Ferris State University in Big Rapids. He will begin July 1.

